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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Dennis M. Charles, Treasurer
Indiana Democratic Congressional
Victory Committee
One N Capitol Avenue, Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Identification Number: C00108613

Reference: 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/00-10/18/00)

Dear Mr. Charles:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) preclude a committee and its affiliates from receiving contributions from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. If the contribution(s) you received exceeded the limits, you must seek reattribution of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(k), transfer-out the amount in excess of \$5,000 to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the excessive amount to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all reattributions, transfers-out, and refunds should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of granting written authorization for a reattribution or transfer-out to another account or receiving a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in

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writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-The coordinated expenditure schedule (Schedule F) should disclose the following information: identification of the authorizing committee, the payee's name and address, the purpose of the expenditure as well as identification of the candidate supported, the date and the amount of the payment and the aggregate general election expenditure total for each candidate supported. Please amend Schedule F by providing the identification of the authorizing committee and the aggregate general election expenditure total for each candidate supported. 2 U.S.C. §441a(d) Please be advised that computer produced formats may only be used upon prior approval of the Commission. You should submit a separate sample format with a cover letter requesting approval. Until your format has been approved, FEC forms must be used. 11 CFR §104.2(d) If the software your committee is using to produce Schedules of the FEC FORM 3x does not allow you to electronically file your report, you may want to call the vendor who produced your software to inquire about the availability of a software upgrade that includes electronic filing.

-On Schedule H2, you disclose the ratio for Volunteer Mail to be the same as previously reported; however, it appears that this activity/event was not previously reported. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. 11 CFR §104.10(a)(1)

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Reimbursement", "Video Making" and "GOTV Planning". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "TV Production" and "Media

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Buy" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(b) discloses a transfer(s)-in from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Democratic National Committee and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Schedules B and H4 supporting Lines 21(a) and 21(b) reflect payments for exempt activities. Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate

-Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page discloses a total of \$8,100 in credit card payments. The sum of the entries itemized on the memo schedules total \$21,601.08. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Yard Signs are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and

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exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-Be advised that you have used an incorrect committee identification number on the Summary Page of your report(s). Please file all future reports and correspondence using your correct identification number, C00108613, to avoid potential errors in entering your reports onto the public record.

-All reports must bear an original signature of the treasurer or designated agent. Please amend this filing to include the appropriate original signature.
2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1)

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

-Schedule H2 discloses 100% federal Direct Candidate Support activity. Please be advised that by definition, this activity does not qualify as a shared expense to be allocated between your federal and non-federal accounts. Any expenditures made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate.

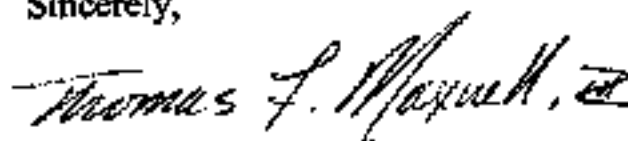
A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports

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Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas F. Maxwell, III". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Thomas F. Maxwell, III
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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SCHEDULE A
OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full): INDIANA DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL VICTORY COMMITTEE - C00108613

Full Name, Mailing Address and Zip Code	Employer/Occupation	Date	Amount
David Johnson for Senate P.O. Box 1283 Indianapolis IN 46206-0000	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	256,514.89 10/02/00 \$	1,680.73
Friends for Bacon Hill P.O. Box 1071 Seymour IN 47274-0000	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	34,018.33 10/13/00 \$	6,512.25
Goodnight for Congress P.O. Box 1184 Kokomo IN 46903-1184	Aggregate Year-to-Date\$	21,855.65 10/12/00 \$	3,767.76
TOTAL THIS PERIOD \$			11,960.74

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